

Nelson, NH



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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Cheshire
Keene NH Micro-NECTA
Monadnock
Southwest Region
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

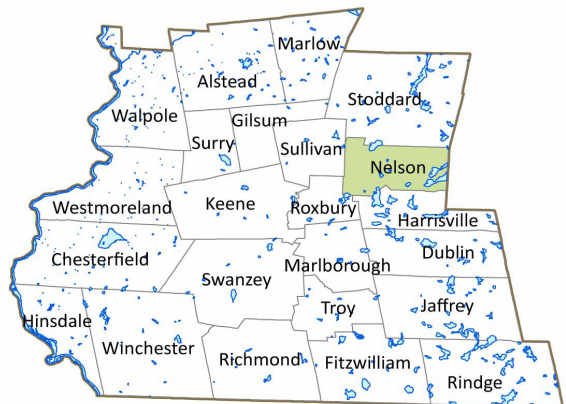
District 2
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District 10
Cheshire County District 3

Incorporated: 1774

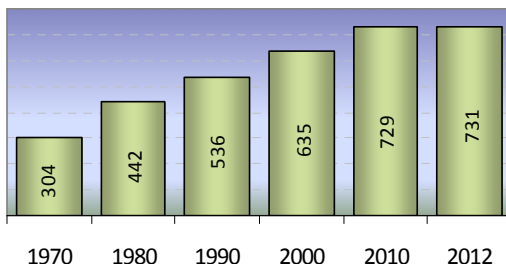
Origin: One of the original border towns, this territory was first granted in 1752 as Monadnock No. 6. In 1774, it was renamed Packersfield after Thomas Packer, high sheriff of Portsmouth, who was one of the Masonian Proprietors. In 1777, some residents petitioned to rename the town Sullivan. The petition failed, but in 1786, a portion of the town was combined with part of Gilsun and Keene to form the town of Sullivan. Packersfield kept that name until 1814, when it was renamed in honor of Lord Horatio Nelson, who died on board the British ship Victory in the war against Napoleon.

Villages and Place Names: Munsonville

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 721 residents in 1790



Cheshire County



Population Trends: Population change for Nelson totaled 509 over 52 years, from 222 in 1960 to 731 in 2012. The largest decennial percent change was a 45 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, accounting for just over one-fourth of the total numeric change. The 2012 Census estimate for Nelson was 731 residents, which ranked 206th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau): 33.3 persons per square mile of land area. Nelson contains 21.9 square miles of land area and 1.4 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2013	\$1,163,242
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Zoning Ordinance	1970/11
Master Plan	2009
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library
Appointed:	Conservation; Agricultural

Public Library **Olivia Rodham Memorial**

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Part-time	
Fire Department		Part-time & volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	11 miles	140	
Monadnock Community, Peterborough	20 miles	25	

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes
Recycling Program	None
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business
	Residential
	No

PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2012 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.63
2012 Equalization Ratio	97.2
2012 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.18
2012 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	97.0%
Commercial Land and Buildings	0.3%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.7%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2007-2011)</i>	
Total Housing Units	493
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	453
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	14
Five or More Units in Structure	16
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	10

DEMOGRAPHICS		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County
2012	731	76,851
2010	729	77,117
2000	635	73,993
1990	536	70,223
1980	442	62,116
1970	304	52,364

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2007-2011

Population by Gender		
Male	418	Female 416

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	20
Age 5 to 19	179
Age 20 to 34	81
Age 35 to 54	251
Age 55 to 64	183
Age 65 and over	120
Median Age	49.6 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	99.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	54.3%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2007-2011)</i>	
Per capita income	\$33,767
Median 4-person family income	\$76,932
Median household income	\$63,558
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$48,281
Female	\$38,194
Families below the poverty level	11.0%

LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>		
Annual Average	2002	2012
Civilian labor force	376	414
Employed	366	398
Unemployed	10	16
Unemployment rate	2.7%	3.9%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2002	2012
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	11	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 376	n
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	0	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$0	n
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	11	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 376	n
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	32	18
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 250	\$ 547
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	43	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 283	n

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Nelson operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Keene** District: **SAU 29**
 Career Technology Center(s): **The Cheshire Career Center, Keene; Fall Mountain Regional High School - CTE, Langdon; Windham Regional Career Center, Brattleboro, VT** Region: **13**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	26			

Nearest Community College: **River Valley; Nashua**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Franklin Pierce University; Antioch New England**

2012 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **17**

LARGEST BUSINESSES**PRODUCT/SERVICE****EMPLOYEES****ESTABLISHED**

Not Available

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access US Routes
 State Routes **9, 123**
 Nearest Interstate, Exit **I-91 (VT), Exit 3**
 Distance **28 miles**

Railroad **No**
 Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Dillant-Hopkins, Keene Runway **6,201 ft. asphalt**
 Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Manchester-Boston Regional Distance **48 miles**
 Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **4**

Driving distance to select cities:
 Manchester, NH **47 miles**
 Portland, Maine **148 miles**
 Boston, Mass. **94 miles**
 New York City, NY **231 miles**
 Montreal, Quebec **242 miles**

COMMUTING TO WORK

(ACS 2007-2011)

Workers 16 years and over
 Drove alone, car/truck/van **80.0%**
 Carpooled, car/truck/van **2.9%**
 Public transportation **1.8%**
 Walked **0.7%**
 Other means **0.7%**
 Worked at home **14.0%**
 Mean Travel Time to Work **27.4 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2007-2011

Working in community of residence	80.0
Commuting to another NH community	10.5
Commuting out-of-state	9.4

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X Municipal Parks
 YMCA/YWCA
 Boys Club/Girls Club
 Golf Courses
 Swimming: Indoor Facility
 Swimming: Outdoor Facility
 Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
 Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
 Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
 Bowling Facilities
 Museums
 Cinemas

X Performing Arts Facilities
 Tourist Attractions

X Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X Youth Sports: Baseball
X Youth Sports: Soccer
 Youth Sports: Football
 Youth Sports: Basketball
 Youth Sports: Hockey
 Campgrounds

X Fishing/Hunting
X Boating/Marinas
X Snowmobile Trails
 Bicycle Trails
 Cross Country Skiing

X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
 Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Pat's Peak, Temple Mountain**

Other: **Monadnock Sunapee Trail; Local Artisans Art Gallery; Sucker Brook Cove Wildlife Sanctuary**